EUROPEAN HISTORY TOUR

DRAFT ITINERARY - 2017
Objectives

- To supplement students’ understanding and appreciation of historical events, movements and issues that are studied in Modern History courses in Years 11 and 12. Direct curriculum links include:
  - WACE Modern History (Unit 2) – Nazism in Germany (Germany and Poland)
  - WACE Modern History (Unit 3) – Australia 1918-1955 (World War I battlefields in northern France)
  - WACE Modern History (Unit 4) – The changing European world since 1945 (Germany, France)
  - IB Diploma History – The Cold War (Germany, France), Origins and Development of Single Party States (Germany)
- To visit a range of places of historical significance in France, Germany and Poland
- To further develop students’ intercultural awareness
- To develop new friendships within and beyond the tour group
- To assume the role of ambassadors for school and country.

Proposed dates

Thursday 29th June (last week of Autumn Term) to Sunday 16th July (during July holidays)

- Impact on studies: students will miss the last two days of Autumn Term and will be on tour for the first two weeks of the July holidays. There are no exams scheduled for the first part of Winter Term. Students will still have the last week of their July holidays. The last week in previous years has been set aside for revision courses which are run at the school for Year 12s – students will be back to participate in these.
- Impact on sport: minimal, although members of 1st teams traditionally compete in a fixture at the end of Autumn Term.
## Proposed Itinerary

### PERTH

*Day 1 – Thursday 29th June*

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MUNICH
Day 2 – Friday 30th June

0730 Breakfast at accommodation

0830 **Panoramic tour of Munich** with local guide
[Fee covered]
*Hitler came to Munich in 1912, joined the German Worker’s Party which he moulded into the Nazi Party by 1920. After the Putsch of 1923 had failed Hitler succeeded in seizing political power in 1933. Two years later he gave Munich the dubious title "Capital of the Movement" to remind people that his "political career" had started here. Buildings in typical Nazi architecture were erected. During this tour we talk about the rise of the national socialist party, resistance and how today the city deals with the Nazi past.*

1200 Lunch in Munich
[Cost: approximately €10 per person]

1300 Coach transfer to **Dachau Concentration Camp**
[Fee covered]
*In March 22, 1933, a few weeks after Adolf Hitler had been appointed Reich Chancellor, a concentration camp for political prisoners was set up in Dachau. This camp served as a model for all later concentration camps and as a "school of violence" for the SS men under whose command it stood. In the twelve years of its existence over 200,000 persons from all over Europe were imprisoned here and in the numerous subsidiary camps. More than 43,000 died. On April 29 1945, American troops liberated the survivors. The Memorial Site on the grounds of the former concentration camp was established in 1965 on the initiative of and in accordance with the plans of the surviving prisoners who had joined together to form the Comité International de Dachau.*

1600 Coach transfer to accommodation

1700 Arrive at accommodation – free time in Marienplatz

2000 Dinner at accommodation
MUNICH
Day 3 – Saturday 1st July

0730 Breakfast at accommodation

0830 Coach tour to Berchtesgarden to visit Eagle’s Nest
[Fee covered]
Driving on the German Alpine Road takes you past some glorious landscapes and breathtaking mountains, far from the bustle of Munich city centre. Peaks towering over 2,000 metres (6,500 feet) high surround the charming town of Berchtesgaden. Head up the Kehlstein spur of the Hoher Göll to visit the infamous Eagle’s Nest. The pictureperfect town of Berchtesgaden, with its charming alleys and former royal palace, is one of the most enchanting places in Bavaria. The idyllic scenery of the surrounding pine-covered mountains hides a dark history; this area was the official retreat of Nazi leaders. Students will visit the NS Documentation Centre at Obersalzberg, a first-rate museum focussed on the Third Reich and will also have access to the adjacent Nazi bunker system. We will also visit Eagle’s Nest, a chalet-style building erected high atop the Kehlstein. It was intended as a 50th-birthday present to Adolf Hitler, to serve as his retreat as well as a place to entertain visiting dignitaries.

1630 Return to Munich – free time in Marienplatz

2000 Dinner at Hofbrauhaus
[Cost covered]
This beloved beer hall – where Hitler first delivered the Nazi 25-point programme – has existed since 1644 and lives up to its reputation: beer, food, tourists, oom-pah music, and Lederhosen.

2230 Return to Munich accommodation
MUNICH/NUREMBERG
Day 4 – Sunday 2nd July

0730 Breakfast at accommodation

0900 Coach transfer to Nuremberg

1100 Arrive Nuremberg accommodation

1200 Lunch in Nuremberg
   [Cost: approximately €10 per person]

1530 Tour of Nuremberg – Old Town
   [Fee covered]
   Students will be given the opportunity of participating in a guided tour of this historic city whose Golden Age was the late Middle Ages and which has been substantially rebuilt since the devastation of the Second World War.

1730 Return to accommodation

1900 Dinner at accommodation
   [Cost covered]
**NUREMBERG**

*Day 5 – Monday 3rd July*

0730  Breakfast at accommodation

0830  Coach transfer to Former Nazi Party Rally Grounds at Nuremberg

0900  **Former Nazi Party Rally Grounds**

[Fee covered]

The Documentation Centre Nazi Party Rally Grounds is located in the north wing of the Congress Hall, a building planned by the National Socialists to hold 50,000 people but never completed. The upper level with approximately 1,300 square metres of floor space houses a new permanent exhibition entitled Faszination und Gewalt (Fascination and Terror) dealing with the causes, relationships and consequences of National Socialist tyranny. Topics directly associated with Nuremberg form the major focus of the exhibition, which is organised into 19 chronologically structured exhibition areas. These topics include: the history of the Nazi Party Rallies, the buildings at the Party Rally Grounds, the "Nuremberg Laws" of 1935, the 1945/46 Nuremberg Trial of the people and major organisations chiefly responsible for the NS crimes, the twelve Subsequent Proceedings, and the difficulty of dealing sensitively with the National Socialist architectural legacy after 1945.

1200  **Lunch at Nazi Party Rally Grounds**

[Cost: approximately €10 per person]

1500  Coach transfer to Nuremberg and free time in Nuremberg

1800  Return to accommodation

1930  **Dinner in Nuremberg – Bratwurst Roslein Restaurant**

[Cost: approximately €15 per person]

2200  Return to Nuremberg accommodation
NUREMBERG/BERLIN
Day 6 – Tuesday 4th July

0730 Breakfast at accommodation
0830 Walk to Nuremberg Hauptbahnhof
0933 Train to Berlin
1410 Arrive in Berlin
1430 Coach to Berlin accommodation
1500 Train transfer to Hohenschönhausen Stasi Memorial [Fee covered]
   Between 1945 and 1989 thousands of political prisoners were interned here by the Communist regime. Today, the prison is preserved almost untouched as a reminder of political persecution in East Germany. Guided tours are conducted by freelance members of the team and most of them are former inmates who relate the tour to their own experience in the remand prison. As they were imprisoned for a variety of reasons during different periods of persecution, they provide an insight into a broad spectrum of political persecution in the GDR.
1800 Train transfer to accommodation
1930 Dinner at accommodation
BERLIN
Day 7 – Wednesday 5th July

0730 Breakfast at accommodation

1000 Walking Tour – Berlin
[Fee covered]
Students will discover why the Reichstag fire in 1933 set the stage for Hitler’s rise to power, stand above Hitler’s bunker, find out why there’s nothing left to see of this or any other Nazi leader’s shelter; visit the sites of the SS and Gestapo Headquarters walk through the extraordinary new Memorial to the Murdered Jews of Europe, designed by Peter Eisenman, find out why the Nazis burnt books on Bebelplatz in May 1933, how and why Berlin was divided after the war why the Royal Palace was blown up after the war and the controversy over its rebuilding today, who built the Wall in 1961 and the momentous events of its fall in 1989, visit a former "Ghost Station" where East German border guards once patrolled deserted platforms where successful escapes were made over the Wall; see remains of the Wall and follow its path, the "Deathstrip" to Checkpoint Charlie.

1300 Lunch at Checkpoint Charlie
[Cost: approximately €10-15 per person]

1430 Berlin Wall Memorial (Gedenkstätte Berliner Mauer)
Bernauer Strasse was a focal point of Germany’s division. The Berlin Wall Memorial commemorates this period in history. The memorial includes the monument, completed in 1998 and designed out of a largely preserved section of the border fortifications; the Berlin Wall Documentation Center that opened in 1999; and the Chapel of Reconciliation, dedicated in 2000 and built on the former death strip at the site of the Reconciliation Church that was blown up by East German border troops in 1985.1430

1600 Train transfer to Kurfurstendamm.
Group will have some leisure time to stroll down Kurfurstendamm and visit KaDeWe Shopping Centre or visit some of the main galleries in Berlin such as German Guggenheim /Gemalde Gallery, Neue National Gallery and/or Berlinische Gallery /Pergamon Museum.

1900 Dinner in Berlin
[Cost: approximately €20 per person]

2130 German Reichstag
Formerly the Reichstag, the seat of Germany’s parliament lay empty and derelict from 1933 to 1999. Now crowned with a dome designed by British architect Sir Norman Foster, the Bundestag is once again the focus of German political life.

2230 Return to accommodation
BERLIN
Day 8 – Thursday 6th July

0730 Breakfast at accommodation

0830 Train transfer to Berlin Unterwelten
[Fee covered]
An Urban History Experience from an unconventional perspective. This tour shows how deep the impact of the Cold War and the Division of Berlin 1961–1989) in the Underground world has been. In the first part you will pass through the “nuclear blast-proof” bunker beneath Blochplatz, its’ white-washed walls, large metal doors and modern ventilation systems. In the second part of the tour, we will take you – via a short Subway ride to a modern civil shelter at U 8 Subway Station – the fourth largest installation of its’ kind in Berlin for 3,346 people.

1030 Train transfer to Alexanderplatz

1100 Lunch at Alexanderplatz
[Cost: approximately €10-15 per person]
Alexanderplatz has been subject to redevelopment several times in its history, most recently during the 1960s, when it was turned into a pedestrian zone and enlarged as part of the German Democratic Republic’s redevelopment of the city centre. It is surrounded by several notable structures including the Fernsehturm (TV Tower), the second tallest structure in Europe. During the Peaceful Revolution of 1989, the Alexanderplatz demonstration on 4 November was the largest demonstration in the history of East Germany.
1230 Coach transfer to **Potsdam** where students will visit the **Cecilienhof Palace**

[Fee covered] Cecilienhof was the last palace built by the Hohenzollern family. The house was designed by Paul Schultze-Naumburg to look like an English Tudor country house and built between 1914 and 1917. The brick and oak timberframe building, including six courtyards and 55 carved brick chimney tops, should have been completed in 1915, but construction was delayed due to the outbreak of World War I and Crown Prince Wilhelm and Cecilie could not move in until August 1917. Wilhelm followed his father into exile one year later, while Cecilie stayed at the palace until she fled from the approaching Red Army in February 1945. Cecilienhof was the location of the Potsdam Conference between 17 July and 2 August 1945. On 26 July 1945, Churchill and Truman issued the Potsdam Declaration defining the terms for Japanese surrender, while Truman had already given order to prepare the atomic bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki.

1500 Coach transfer to **Haus der Wannsee Konferenz**

[Fee covered] A 2-hour guided tour is provided in English free of charge through the permanent exhibit for school groups. On January 20th, 1942 Reinhard Heydrich, Head of the Reich Security, chaired a meeting of high-ranking civil servants and SS-officers in this mansion. The Wannsee Conference was concerned with the organisation and implementation of "The Final Solution", the decision to deport the Jews of Europe to the East and to murder them. The meeting has become known as the Wannsee Conference. In 1947 the minutes of the Conference recorded by Adolf Eichmann were found in the files of the German Foreign Office.

1730 Coach transfer to accommodation

1930 **Dinner in Berlin**

[Cost: approximately €20 per person]

2200 Return to accommodation
Breakfast at accommodation (collect breakfast packs)

Coach transfer to airport

Depart Berlin for Krakow

Arrive Krakow

Coach transfer to accommodation

**Lunch at the Main Square (Rynek Główny)**
[Cost: approximately 42PLN (Polish Zlotych) which equates to $15AUD]

The Main Square (Rynek Główny) is the natural centre of Krakow. The centrally located Cloth Hall (Sukiennice) has survived to this day. Other buildings in the heart of the Square include the diminutive Church of St Adalbert, a site of important archaeological discoveries and the solitary tower - a remnant of the Town Hall demolished in the 19th century. In the north-eastern corner of the square stands St Mary’s Church, frequently referred to as a basilica. With its two slender towers reaching high above the whole city, it is one of Krakow’s landmarks.

Coach transfer to **Wieliczka salt mine**
[Fee covered]

The mine, built in the 13th century, produced table salt continuously until 2007, as one of the world’s oldest salt mines still in operation. From its beginning and throughout its existence, the Royal mine was run by the Żupy krakowskie Salt Mines. Commercial mining was discontinued in 1996 due to low salt prices and mine flooding. The mine’s attractions include dozens of statues, three chapels and an entire cathedral that has been carved out of the rock salt by the miners. The older sculptures are augmented by the new carvings by contemporary artists. About 1.2 million people visit the Wieliczka Salt Mine annually.

Dinner at Chlopskie Jadlo
[Cost covered]
POLAND
Day 10 – Saturday 8th July

0630 Breakfast at accommodation

0730 Coach transfer to Auschwitz-Birkenau

0900 Auschwitz-Birkenau
[Fee covered]
At this site, chosen by the SS for no other reason than its convenient location at a railway junction, some 2 million people were systematically murdered between 1940 and 1945. The camp is split over several sites, including Auschwitz-I, the original, smaller site, and Auschwitz-II Birkenau, the purpose-built death factory. The highly recommended tour takes in both. Visiting Auschwitz is a profoundly disturbing experience, and one which you are unlikely to forget, but it's also essential to understanding twentieth century history and the darker side of human nature.

1200 Coach transfer to Krakow for lunch

1500 Kazimierz Jewish Quarter & Schindler's factory Walking Tour
[Fee covered]
The medieval Jewish quarter of Kraków became the city's ghetto between 1939 and 1941, and a film set during the shooting of Spielberg's Schindler's List. Today, it's a monument to a vanished community.

1700 Coach transfer to Krakow for leisure time

1930 Dinner in Krakow
[Cost: approximately 42PLN (Polish Zlotych) which equates to $15AUD]
### POLAND/FRANCE
**Day 11 – Sunday 9\textsuperscript{th} July**

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FRANCE
Day 12 – Monday 10th July

0800  Breakfast at accommodation

0945  Louvre
[No fee]
Located in Paris, the Louvre is one of the largest palaces in the world and, as a former residence of the kings of France, one of the most illustrious. It exemplifies traditional French architecture since the Renaissance, and it houses a magnificent collection of ancient and Western art.

1230  Lunch in Paris
[Cost: approximately €15 per person]

1530  Eiffel Tower
[Fee covered]
The instantly recognisable symbol of Paris, The Eiffel Tower can be seen from almost any point in the city and the view from the top is truly awe-inspiring. It dominates Paris to such an extent that it’s hard to believe it’s only a little over a century old having been built in 1889 to celebrate the centenary of the French revolution.

1700  Notre Dame Cathedral
A major tourist destination and one of the most famous cathedrals in the world Notre Dame is also a working Roman Catholic cathedral. Construction on the current building began in 1163 during the reign of Louis VII and opinion differs as to whether Bishop Maurice de Sully or Pope Alexander III laid the foundation stone. During the French Revolution many of the cathedral’s treasures were destroyed or stolen. The bells avoided being melted down but the cathedral was used as a warehouse for the storage of food. In 1768, geographers decided that all distances in France would be measured from "Point zéro", a spot in front of Notre-Dame. One hundred and seventy-six years later when Paris was liberated during World War II General de Gaulle rushed to the cathedral after his return to pray in thanksgiving. In many ways Notre-Dame was, and still is, the centre of France.

1800  Train back to accommodation

1930  Dinner at Mont Martre
[Cost: approximately €20 per person]

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1430  Visit Arch de triomphe and Champs-Elysees
       [Own expense – optional extra]

1630  Return to accommodation

1830  Dinner in Paris
       [Cost: approximately €15 per person]

2000  Cruise on the River Seine
       [Fee covered]

2130  Return to accommodation
FRANCE
Day 14 – Wednesday 12th July

0800 Breakfast at accommodation

0900 Day at Leisure
Rest of the day at leisure. Boys will be expected to remain in large groups and travel with teachers. Options that may be considered for this day include:

- EuroDisney [Cost: approximately €35 per person]
- Catacombs of Paris Museum [Cost: approximately €10 per person]
- Paris sewers tour [Cost: approximately €10 per person]
- Various other art galleries and/or museums including: Picasso, Rodin or Centre Pompidou

1600 Coach transfer to Arras

1900 Dinner at accommodation [Cost covered]
FRANCE
Day 15 – Thursday 13th July

0800 Breakfast at accommodation

0930 **Battle of Somme tour**
[Fee covered – lunch cost covered]

*Today we experience the tragedy of the 1916 Somme battlefield including the Australian memorials at Pozieres, which recall the loss of 23,000 men in six weeks. A light lunch has been included today. Later we visit the vast and tragic Thiepval Memorial to the Missing of the Somme and the Newfoundland Memorial Park. We will also visit Villers-Bretonneux and Lochnagar Crater. Returning to your hotel in Arras your evening is free.*

1630 Coach transfer to accommodation – free time in Arras

1900 Dinner at Arras
[Cost: approximately €20 per person]

2130 Return to accommodation
Day 16—Friday 14th July

0730 Breakfast at accommodation

0830 Coach transfer to Passchendaele

1000 Passchendaele Museum
[Fee covered]
Even in the annals of the First World War, Passchendaele has become a byword for brutal, senseless slaughter. We highly recommend a visit to this newly-opened museum which gives visitors an oversight of the battle fought here in 1917 and offers them a chance to descend into a replica British dugout, complete with bunks, communication posts and an operating theatre.

1200 Coach transfer to Tyne Cot Cemetery

1215 Tyne Cot Cemetery
[Fee covered]
Within a kilometre of the farthest point in Belgium reached by the Allied forces, this is the largest military cemetery in the world with 11,908 graves. It takes its name from the German concrete bunkers, whose ruins still remain, which were thought by soldiers from the 50th Northumbrian division to look like Tyneside cottages.

1300 Coach transfer to Ypres

1315 Lunch in Ypres
[Cost: approximately €10 per person]

1530 Walk to Essex Farm

1600 Essex Farm
[Fee covered – no fee]
Canadian doctor John MacRae wrote the poem "In Flanders Fields" at this dressing station, the remains of which can still be visited. At the nearby Essex Farm Cemetery, Rifleman Strudwick, at fifteen years of age the youngest British Soldier to be killed on the Western Front, is buried.

1830 Dinner in Ypres
[Cost: approximately €20 per person]

2000 Attend Last Post Ceremony at Menin Gate
Every evening since 1928, the Last Post has sounded at the Menin Gate at 20.00hrs in homage to the soldiers of the British Empire who fell in the Ypres Salient during the First World War. This poignant and moving service is attended every evening by numerous visitors wishing to pay their respects. Groups are permitted to perform as part of the service, either by singing or playing two hymns. Come 15th July 2017, the Last Post will have been sounded on more than 30,000 occasions and millions of people will have taken away lasting memories of this touching memorial service.

2100 Coach back to Arras accommodation
FRANCE/PERTH

Day 17 – Saturday 15th July

0730 Breakfast at accommodation
0930 Coach transfer to Charles de Gaulle airport
1130 Arrive Charles de Gaulle airport
1535 Depart Paris on Emirates flight EK74

PERTH

Day 18 – Sunday 16th July

0020 Arrive Dubai
0255 Depart Dubai on Emirates flight EK420
1735 Arrive Perth
Anticipated Cost

At this stage, it is still difficult to establish the specific cost for the tour. There are a range of variables that will have an impact on the final cost (including: Australian currency fluctuations, airfares have not been set for July 2017 yet, number of tour participants).

We anticipate that the final cost of the 18 day tour to Europe in July 2017 will be between **$6700.00** and **$6950.00**.

The final cost will include ALL of the following:

- all travel and transfer costs (airfares, coaches, trains etc.)
- accommodation (moderate, three or four star, mostly double rooms)
- meals: all breakfasts, dinner on the first night at each city/location visited and some others outlined in the itinerary
- entry to museums, galleries and historical sites listed on the itinerary
- all tours listed on the itinerary
- travel insurance

*Please note that this itinerary is still subject to alterations. Air carriers and hotels listed are just a guide based on what we have used on previous tours.*

Other matters

- All tour participants must hold a valid passport with at least six months validity (ie. Does not expire before January 2017). If a participant needs a new passport, forms can be downloaded from [www.passports.gov.au](http://www.passports.gov.au). We will require a photocopy of every student’s passport prior to departure.
- The tour is open to **ALL CURRENT YEAR 10 AND YEAR 11 STUDENTS** (ie. Students who will be in Year 11 or Year 12 in 2017). Students do not need to be enrolled in a History course at Year 11 or Year 12 level to be eligible to attend the tour.
- This College has run the European History Tour every two years since 2009. The tour video from 2013 is available to view at: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4pwyxRoqk&feature=youtu.be](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4pwyxRoqk&feature=youtu.be)
- The tour will operate with a minimum of 20 participants and a maximum of 32 participants. Priority will be given to participants based on the date of deposit.
- If you have any further questions, then please direct them to Mr Matt Bradley at **MJBradley@scotch.wa.edu.au** or 9460 6730.
- To secure a place on the tour, a deposit of $2000.00 is payable by **Thursday 30th June 2016** (please refer to the ‘History Tour Deposit’ form attached to the email).
- An ‘Information Evening’ will be held during Winter Term 2016. At this stage, we will be able to confirm the itinerary and the final cost of the tour.